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Shuster Awarded for Supporting America's Manufacturers

Washington, D.C. – Today, **Congressman Bill Shuster** received the National Association of Manufacturing's Award for Legislative Excellence at Kennametal Inc.'s facility in Bedford, Pennsylvania.

The *NAM Award* is given to members of the House and Senate who support key manufacturing votes 70 percent or more of the time, as determined by an advisory committee composed of NAM members from small and large manufacturers.

Shuster's NAM voting record was an exemplary 100 percent in the 110th Congress. He was one of 43 senators and 181 representatives who earned the *NAM Award*. Members of Congress are notified in advance when an upcoming vote has been designated a "key vote" by the NAM.

Gary Weismann, vice president and president, Advanced Materials Solutions Group, at Kennametal Inc. presented the *NAM Award* to Congressman Shuster. "Congressman Shuster has been a dependable voice of support for manufacturers and their employees," **Weismann** said. "We are grateful for his efforts to preserve manufacturing jobs and assure competitiveness in Pennsylvania and across the nation."

"Congressman Shuster has demonstrated a true understanding of manufacturing's key role in the strength of the American economy and has acted to maintain and create manufacturing jobs," said **NAM President John Engler** from Washington.

"Manufacturing is the backbone of the American economy and the incubator for innovation and advancement," **Shuster** said. "It is important to note that the majority of American manufacturers are small businesses that are the major job creators in Pennsylvania and across the nation. If they are given the opportunity to grow and flourish, our economy as a whole will benefit. I am pleased to support American manufacturers in building a stronger America."

"The *NAM Award* is a nonpartisan indicator to help manufacturers and their employees sort out the true allies of manufacturing based on their votes on key issues that affect the manufacturing economy," **Engler** noted.

Voting records for members of Congress -- including those who scored 70 percent or better to earn the *NAM Award* -- are available at www.nam.org/votingrecord.

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